

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the Application.

The Examiner is thanked for allowing Claims 11-25.

Telephone conference

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the many courtesies extended during the telephone conference held with Attorney Alex Krayner, authorized by Alessandro Steinfl (US Patent Registration No. 56, 448). During the telephone conference it was agreed that an independent claim reciting, in combination, the limitations of Claims 1, 2, 5 and 8 is patentable and would be allowed. It was also agreed that an independent claim reciting, in combination, the limitations of Claims 9, 10, 13 and 8 is also patentable and would be allowed. Finally, it was also agreed that an independent claim reciting, in combination, the limitations of Claims 18, 19, 5 and 8 is also patentable and would be allowed.

Applicant acknowledges with gratitude the Examiner's indication of allowability as to claims reciting the limitations of 1, 2, 5 and 8; 9, 10, 13 and 8; and 18, 19, 5 and 8. Applicant traverses the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-20 and disagrees that these claims are not patentable in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,664,943, U.S. Patent No. 5,387,828 and U.S. Patent No. 6,501,298. However, in the interest of moving this application to issue, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include limitations of Claims 2, 5 and 8; Claim 9 to include limitations of Claims 10, 13 and 8; and Claim 18 to include limitations of Claims 19, 5 and 8 found patentable by the Examiner and cancelled claims 2, 5-6, 8, 10, 13-14 and 19 without prejudice, expressly reserving the right to present these or any other rejected claims or claims directed to other disclosed subject matter in a future divisional or continuation application.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

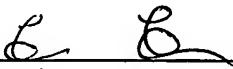
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